

the pressing dummy (as illustrated in FIG. 1 of co-pending  
U.S. patent application <sup>10/601,544</sup> ~~Attorney Docket No. ZTP00P12041~~,  
filed on June 20, 2003, the disclosure of which being hereby  
incorporated by reference) and the cuff 3 has been buttoned,  
5 it is possible for the 2 has been pulled onto the pressing  
dummy and the cuff 3 has been buttoned, it is possible for the  
air stream for the inflatable bag 7 to be switched on. Because  
the cuff presser 1 is provided with air holes, the drying air  
penetrates outward through these holes and dries and presses  
10 the cuff 3 in the process. The stiffening device is delimited  
from the rest of the inflatable bag 7 and of the item of  
clothing 2 by a boundary line 13. This region of the sleeve 15  
is characterized by a slit in the fabric. The overlapping  
fabric in the region of the slit is also referred to as an  
15 upper piece 21. The fabric located therebeneath is referred to  
as an underpiece 22. The outer, narrow strip of fabric that  
tapers to a point (to the right in the case of FIG. 1) is  
referred to as a facing 20. At least a double layer of fabric  
is, thus, produced in the region 12. During operation of the  
20 pressing dummy, the air in the inflatable bag 7 forces the  
constituent parts of the region 12 apart from one another. The  
upper piece 21 and the underpiece 22 are moved in an expansion  
direction 19. If the fabric of the item of clothing 2 is not  
stiff enough in relation to the pressure in the inflatable bag  
25 7, this may result in unintended deformation of the item of  
clothing 2 in this region.